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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

William P. Van Antwerp, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/461,627

Filed: December 14, 1999

For: DETECTION OF BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES USING BORONATE-BASED CHEMICAL AMPLIFICATION AND OPTICAL SENSORS

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: 3736

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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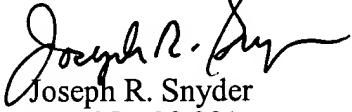
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated January 25, 2000, for one month, from March 25, 2000 to April 25, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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